

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The spin valve head is capable of having a secure specular effect, increasing MR-ratio and H_{ua} and outputting a prescribed head power when the head accesses a recording medium having high surface recording density. The spin valve head comprises: a first pinned magnetic layer; a non-magnetic layer being formed on the first pinned magnetic layer; and a second pinned magnetic layer being formed on the non-magnetic layer, and is characterized by an insulating specular layer being provided between the first pinned magnetic layer and the second pinned magnetic layer.